



Hosta Happenings

East Tennessee Hosta Society

January 2023

President’s Message

The executive committee has been busy working behind the scenes planning to bring a fun program for 2023. We hope you will get involved and attend as many events as you can so you can get value for your membership. Our first meeting will be on the 26th of February where we will have a speaker to talk about managing the cold damage from our recent arctic blast. There will be plenty of save the dates in the newsletter so please reserve these dates in your calendar.

I have just arrived back from Australia and fortunately missed the arctic blast. I got out two days before it hit and landed in Australia to beautiful summer weather. I have just arrived back to have a huge pine tree across the driveway and a burst pipe to contend with – but life goes on. I am confident that all my Hostas will be OK, but I do see a lot of brown in the garden. Time will tell to see the full extent of damage on the garden.

Back in 2019 we participated in the Dogwood Arts Home & Garden Show in the community section, and we were well received and resulted in attracting new members as well as great exposure. Covid put a damper on this for the past three years. The executive committee has recommended that we participate this year on February 10 through 12 at the Convention center. If you like talking to people, we need your help to staff the information booth so please put your hand up to volunteer. This is a fun event and you get to meet some really cool people. Lots of other garden clubs will be there with us.

Sandra & I have already signed up for this year’s Dixie Regional Hosta Convention in Cary NC. This is in the

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2023 Officers

- President Fred Anderson
- Vice President Beverly
- Treasurer Liz Etnier
- Secretary Wanda Taylor
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Raleigh area which is a hotspot for some amazing public gardens and plant nurseries. This convention is only \$35 each so very affordable. There will be no buses used so will be perfect for carpooling. Start talking to fellow members and friends and plan a road trip to Cary, NC in May.

This year will be the first year in three years that the Hosta College will open for in-person learning. Some of us are going so why not jump on the bandwagon and join us for a fun weekend in Piqua, OH, March 17 to 19.

Liz is waiting anxiously for your membership renewal fees so get your check off today to have continued membership privileges.

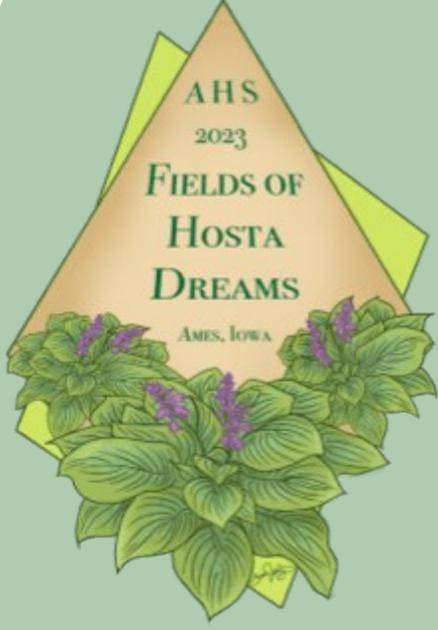
Warm Regards,
Fred Anderson
President, 865-607-9240, braker01@att.net
<http://www.easttnhostasociety.net>

Dues are Due

New rate: \$15 for one or two members in a household. Just give both names on form and both emails for each to receive the electronic newsletter. The form is attached to this newsletter! Or, look for it at <https://www.easttnhostasociety.net/join-eths.html> as either a pdf file or interactive file.

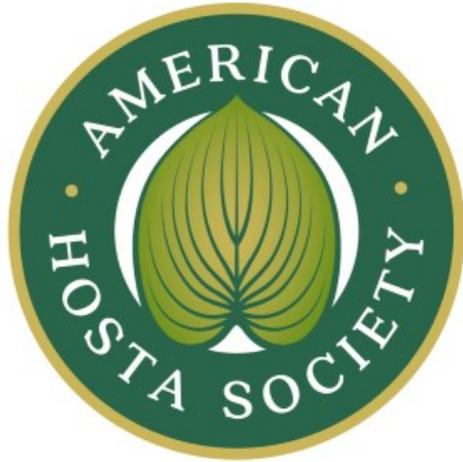
Welcome New Members

Please welcome our newest members: Margaret and Jennifer Chambliss joined on the invitation from Brian White, Barb Pappenfus and Ron They learned about us through the East Tennessee Iris Society, Gerry Wiklund was brought in by new member Margaret Chambliss, and Beverly Abele found us on Facebook!



2023
National
Convention
June 7-10,
Ames IA
Registration
is now open.

BECOME A MEMBER!



- Receive *The Hosta Journal*, mailed to you
- Gain access to members-only online materials
- Participate in exciting events and auctions
- Further your love of hostas and gardening

HOSTA.org

Volunteers Needed!

We will have an information booth at the Dogwood Arts Home and Garden Show. Dates are February 10 through 12, 2023 at the Knoxville Convention Center. Show hours are as follows:



- Friday, February 10, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Saturday, February 11, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Sunday, February 12, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

We will be on the upper level lobby area where people have to walk to get to the escalator to get to the show. Let President Fred Anderson know if you can help out., 865-607-9240, braker01@att.net .

Master Gardeners of Roane County Gardening Symposium

Outstanding speakers will address *The Resilient Garden: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century*. Registration is required which you can do online, by mail or in person. See the information and registration form on page 8 and 9.

Tentative ETHS 2023 Calendar

February 10 -12, Dogwood Arts Home and Garden Expo (we'll have a table and need volunteers)

February 11, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Master Gardeners of Roane County Gardening Symposium

February 26, The Great Freeze of 2022, Classroom meeting in South Greenhouse on UT Ag Campus

March 17 - 19, Hosta College

March 26, Classroom meeting in South Greenhouse on UT Ag Campus

April 1 - UT Gardens, Knoxville, Spring Plant Sale

April - nothing planned - Dogwood Arts Festival and Open Gardens will keep us all busy!

May 4 - 7, 2023, Dixie Regional Meeting , Cary, NC

May - date TBD - ETHS Tailgate Plant Sale

May 21 - Garden Tour and Social

June 7 - 10, AHS Convention, Ames, Iowa

June 17 - Garden Tour and Social

July (Date TBD) - Garden Tour and Social

August 19 - Visit from Bob Solberg

September (TBD) Garden Tour and Social (need to work around UT football schedule)

October (TBD) Garden Tour and Social (need to work around UT football schedule)

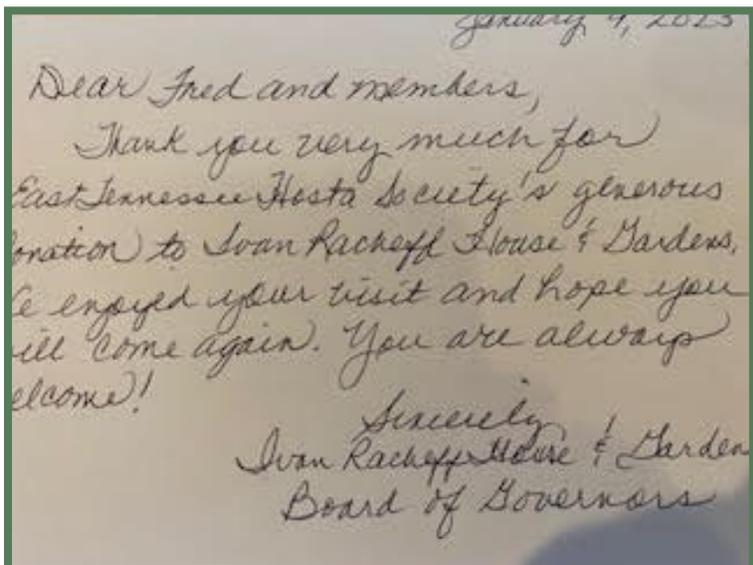
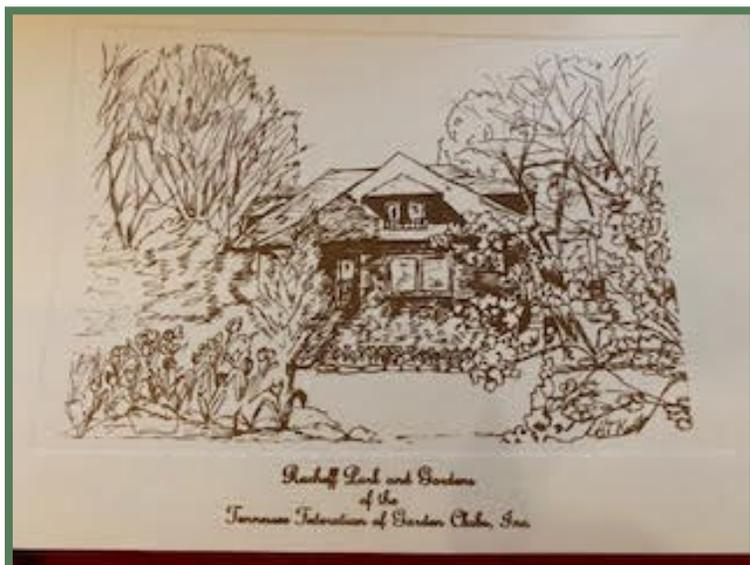
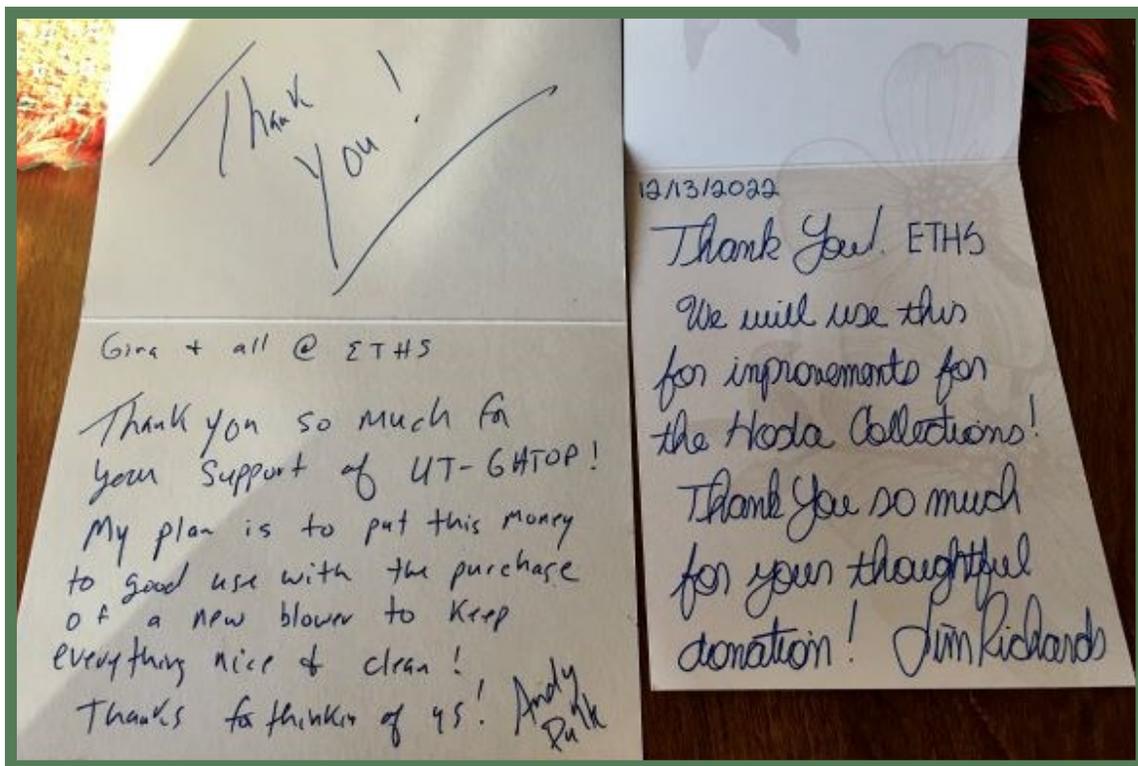
November 19 - Annual General Meeting and Holiday Celebration

Keep an eye out for events at the Greater Knoxville area public gardens:



Thank You!

Just some nice notes from those who we supported - UT Gardens, GATOP and Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, and Racheff House and Gardens.



News from Paw Paw Everlast Labels

Received the following information from the company:

You may be aware that USPS, Fed Ex, and UPS have all increased their shipping rates significantly over the past year. In addition, USPS has discontinued its extra-long flat rate box which we have utilized for years to keep our prices low in the shipping of our labels over 15" tall.

We have a small supply of these boxes still on hand, and

we will use them until they are gone, but after that, we will be forced to significantly raise the prices of our F-Tall Display Labels and G-Tall Single Staff Labels to cover the increased shipping costs. We anticipate that this change will take place in January 2023.

We are planning to add one more mid-height option for those who want a taller label but don't want to pay the higher prices. We will begin offering a label identical to Style F, but 15" tall. This will allow us to utilize a different USPS flat rate box which will make this item

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2023 Dixie Regional Hosta Meeting

Choose Your Own Adventure

Cary, NC — May 4-7, 2023

It will not be long before spring is here and the hostas are jumping out of the ground. This year the Dixie Regional will try to take advantage of the excitement of early May to have our annual meeting. It will be hosted by Bob Solberg, Regional Director and Beth Barnes, Regional Treasurer centered in Cary, NC. The dates are May 4-7 at the Comfort Suites Regency Park, 350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518.

The meeting will have a new and fun format. It will be a "Choose Your Own Adventure". Attendees will choose from a too long list of world class botanical gardens, excellent nurseries, and local gardens to visit in their own vehicles on Friday and Saturday. Of course, we suggest carpooling, so you make new hosta friends or catchup with old ones. Suggested lists will be provided for both days, emailed to all registrants before they arrive so they can start to plot their adventure ahead of the meeting.

There will be hospitality at the hotel on Thursday and Friday nights with an educational presentation Friday night after dinner on your own. Saturday night we will have our Annual Meeting, pizza party, and fun auction after we return from touring.

Some of the attractions include the J. C Raulston Arboretum, Sarah P. Duke Gardens, WRAL Azalea Gardens, and the NC Farmers Market. Plant Delights will be open that weekend as well as Green Hill Farm on Saturday as well as many, many local nurseries. There will also be some private gardens to visit featuring hostas and a variety of gardening styles. Check the schedule for suggested days to visit each of these.

Registration is easy and very affordable, just \$35.00. Please copy and mail the registration form (attached to email) to Beth Barnes with your check. You can register for the hotel online at this link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SW24E8> or call the Hotel (919) 852-4318 and mention the Group is the Dixie Regional Hosta Society and the code is SW24E8. The rate is \$124.00 for King or Double Room plus State and local tax.

We hope we can be part of your hosta adventure this spring and you will choose to come and see us in May. Questions? Contact Bob Solberg, HostaBob@gmail.com.

Schedule

Thursday, May 4th

Arrive at Comfort Suites Regency Park, 350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518

8:00 PM Hospitality at the Hotel

Friday, May 5th

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

8:00 am Meet in Hotel Lobby

8:30 am Depart Hotel for garden tours on your own: Plant Delights, WRAL Gardens, N C Farmers Market, J C Raulston Arboretum, Big Bloomers, Private Garden

Lunch and Dinner on your own

8:30 pm Hospitality, presentation at the Hotel

Saturday, May 6

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

8:00 am Depart Hotel for garden tours on your own: Private Gardens, Green Hill Farm, Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Lunch on your own

7:00 pm Pizza Party at the Hotel

8:00-8:15 pm DRHS Annual Meeting

8:15-9:30 pm Live Auction (free to the public)

Sunday, May 7

Complimentary Hot Breakfast in the Hotel

2023 Dixie Regional Hosta Meeting

“Choose Your Own Adventure!” May 4-7, 2023

Comfort Suites Regency Park

350 Ashville Avenue, Cary, NC 27518

Registration Form

Please print:

Name: (as it will appear on your convention name tag) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Additional Attendees:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Full Registration: (includes Thursday and Friday Hospitality, Friday and Saturday Garden Tours on your own, Saturday Pizza Party, and Auction) Cost per person \$35.00

Number of attendees @ \$35 _____

Late Registration Fee: If your form is postmarked after **April 1, 2023** please add \$20 per person late fee.

Late Fee @ \$20 per person _____

Total included _____

Please mail checks only with this form to

Beth Barnes, 2628 Freestone Lane, Raleigh, NC 27603

Make checks payable to: Dixie Regional Hosta Society

Hotel Reservations: Comfort Suites Regency Park

350 Asheville Avenue, Cary, NC 918-852-4318

Rate: \$124 King or Double Room plus State and Local Tax

Reservation link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SW24E8>

Group: Dixie Regional Hosta Society SW24E8

Includes free hot breakfast. Rate cutoff date: April 20, 2023

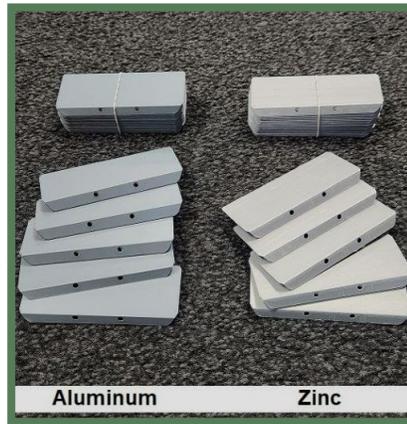
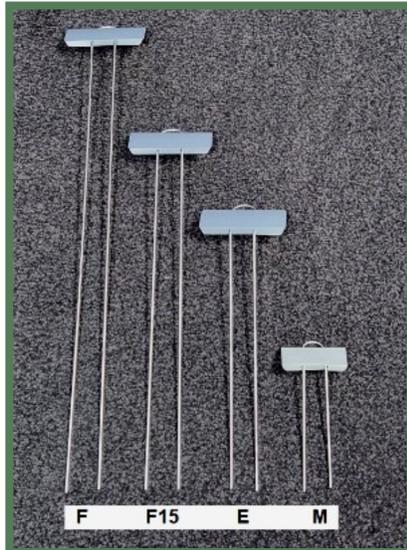
Please remember to bring plants, garden art, or a fun item for the Saturday Auction. Thanks.

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much more affordable than the Styles F or G.

We will also be adding the option of an aluminum nameplate for the Styles F, F15, and E. If you use a peel & stick label or Brother P-touch label maker, the aluminum plates are a great choice for you. Those who want to write on the nameplate instead should continue to use our marking products along with the zinc nameplates for long-lasting identification.

Be watching for these changes in the coming year. Thank you for your understanding. We appreciate your continued support of our family-owned small business.



The Holiday Freeze of 2022



Above top and middle photos: a ruler showing depth of approximately 15 inches of fallen leaves with mattress pad (white) and bedsheet (beige) protecting the *Aspidistra* 'Lennon's Song' and 'Okame' on 12/21/2022 .

Above bottom photo: *Aspidistra* 'Lennon's Song' survived (as did 'Okame', not pictured) quite nicely as seen on 01/01/2023.

Left: *Camellia japonica* 'April Dawn' before (12/10/2022) and after (1/1/2023) the freeze.

The Master Gardeners of Roane County

Present a Gardening Symposium

The Resilient Garden: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century

**Registration
Required**
<https://mgroanecounty.org/>

February 11, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Roane State Community College / 276 Patton Ln, Harriman, TN 37748

Join us for the latest innovations in gardening, presented by these leading experts

- The Key to Growing Nutrient Rich Food : Dr. Natalie Bumgarner, Associate Professor of Plant Sciences, UT Institute of Agriculture, Department of Plant Sciences
- Supporting Pollinators in a Changing Landscape: Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Assistant Professor and Apiculture Extension Specialist, UT Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology
- Nuisance Wildlife Management: *What To Do About Deer (and other critters)*: Captain Russell (Rusty) Boles, TWRA Captive Wildlife/ADC Program Coordinator
- Resilience in the Garden: Dr. Andrea Ludwig, Associate Professor of Ecological Engineering, UT Biosystems Engineering and Soil Department.
- New Directions in Landscape Design: Haley Treadway, UT Extension Agent, Hamilton County

Registration Fee: \$30 includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Register on-line at <https://mgroanecounty.org/> or by Mail/In Person using the attached form

Featuring a live lunch-time auction with well-known local and highly entertaining auctioneer Bear Stephenson. Carefully curated and unique artistic and functional items for the garden and home.



Come Grow With Us!



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Roane County Extension Office
3074 Roane State Highway, Harriman, TN 37748
Phone: 865-376-5558
eMail: info@mgroanecounty.org

MASTER GARDENER
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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

The Resilient Garden: Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century Presented by the Master Gardeners of Roane County

February 11, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Roane State Community College / 276 Patton Ln, Harriman, TN 37748

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email*: _____

*Email will be added to the MGRC database for notification of future events.

Check here if you do not want to receive future emails from MGRC

Submit Registration Form and Payment of \$30 by February 5, 2023

By Mail or in Person:

Roane County University of Tennessee Extension
3074 Roane State Highway
Harriman, TN 37748

On line:

<https://mgroanecounty.org>

Payment Method:

- Cash
- Check – Payable to Master Gardeners of Roane County
- Credit Card Type (Circle One) MC Visa AmEx Discover

Number: _____ Exp Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Lunch Selections - Select One from Each Column

Sandwich*

- Chicken Salad
- Turkey
- Ham
- Pimento Cheese

Small Salad

- Lettuce
- Broccoli
- Pasta
- Potato

*Served on Croissant with selection of chips or: Gluten Free Bread (Check if requested)



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Membership Form

Name(s) (please Print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Area Code & Phone _____

First Email Address _____

Second Email Address _____

How did you hear about the society? _____

Are you a **Hosta beginner** **Hosta Addict** **somewhere in-between** (check one)

Approximately how many different Hostas do you have? _____

Would you like your garden to be considered for an open garden tour by the ETHS?

(check one) **Yes** **No** **Maybe**

Other areas of interest _____

Would you like to volunteer for an activity in our club? (check one) **Yes** **No** **Maybe**

Benefits of Membership

- Meet other fellow gardeners that share an interest in growing Hostas
- Invitation to Society social events
- Access to educational activities and materials about Hostas
- Invitation to member's only garden tours
- An opportunity to attend National & Regional Conventions
- Receiving a regular newsletter
- Access to plants not found at your local garden center
- Be part of your local garden community and projects

Annual dues for household membership (maximum of 2 members) are \$15. Membership is based on a calendar year.
 (New dues structure effective 2023)

Mail application and check payable to East Tennessee Hosta Society to:

Liz Etnier
 Treasurer East Tennessee Hosta Society
 1405 Whitower Dr.
 Knoxville, TN 37919